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NEWS FLASH

April 22, 1935—Past Commander Sverre Halsan announced that the organization of the Sons of the Legion would be the principal item of business at the May 13, 1935 Post meeting. He selected Bryson Lausch and Ed Fearey, Sr. to serve with him.

May 13, 1935—There were 69 sons of Legionnaires present. Those on hand were entertained with piano and accordion, by Henry Waht and Bobby Enscoe; a violin duet by Billie Snell and Roy Duoos accompanied by John Lum; impersonations by Lucille Mathison.

Sixty nine boys signed the Charter and prior to the next meeting two weeks hence, 78 had signed. Halsan announced that the Squadron would be installed on June 8, 1935. A degree team from Rome Squadron No. 82, Portland, would put on the work.

The officers installed were; Captain, Floyd Reith Jr.; First Lieut., John Malarkey; Second Lieut., Bob Utzinger; Adjutant, Bob Lovell; Finance Officer, Douglas Nelson; Sgt. at Arms, John Gustafson; Chaplain, Bob Uhrbrand; Historian, Robert Foster.

Clatsop Voiture No. 547 presented the Squadron with a set of colors.

25 Years Later

To bring you right up to the minute, the Executive Committee of Clatsop Post No. 12 just a few hours ago voted to revive the Clatsop Squadron, Sons of the Legion. This issue of the Legionnaire is due to go to press which precludes further details now.

One thing sure, the Post will need the help of a lot of Legionnaires and we feel they will receive it in great abundance. What a grand feeling it would no doubt give some of the former Squadron leaders and members to pitch in and help put the reorganization program over with the same enthusiasm which the earlier one expressed.

More in the next issue and coming Post meetings, be prepared.

Legion Awards Presented to 11 By Clatsop Post

Eleven young people from the eighth grade of schools in the area were guests of honor at the meeting of Clatsop post 12, American Legion, recently at Legion hall.

They were introduced by John Hope, chairman of school awards of the post, and presented elaborately embossed bronze medallions, lapel pins and parchment-type certificates, proclaiming them leaders among their classmates.

They are Terrance Aarnio and Karen Raihala, Knappa-Svensen school; Ernest Riutta and Diana Holt, Astoria junior high; Kenneth Skipper and Rita Radich, Star of the Sea; Jean Borders, Jewell school; Bob Smith and Irene Jessen, Olney school; and

Tony Hazapis and Kathy McClenny, Westport school.

Selected by their school principal and teachers, they judged, according to the rules of the Legion, school awards project, on character, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. Their names are engraved on a permanent plaque in each of their respective schools.

Clatsop post 12 of Astoria was the first post west of the Rocky mountains to initiate the project, now in its 37th year. The local post requests the names of students from schools in the county which are not in the immediate vicinity of another Legion post. Hand script on the certificates was done by Clarence Short.

Following the presentation, the students and their parents were served cake, coffee and soft drinks in the dining room of the club by the Mesdames Clair Sample, Raymond Kyle, O. B. Gunderson and Philippa Seabrook.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM LOOKS 'POTENT'

The American Legion junior league baseball teams were divided into a three-division league in northwestern Oregon, at a recent meeting of Legion junior league chairmen and coaches held in Forest Grove, according to Lou Crites, post 12 chairman.

Teams in this league are Jesuit high school of Portland, Vernonia, Seaside, Tillamook and Astoria, with the other division composed of teams in the Portland vicinity. A three-way play-off will be held at the season's end to determine the elague winner and the entrant in the state's play-offs.

The Astoria junior league team split their non-league opening double header with Kelso Saturday, June 4, losing the first game 9-7 and whapping the Kelso bat

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Net Worth Factor New Pension Law

A veteran's net worth is one of the factors used in determining his eligibility to receive pension under the new pension law which becomes effective July 1.

This means that pensions will not be paid to veterans having sizable estates. The word estate, confusing to some persons, means in this connection the property, stocks and bonds, cash deposits and other items of value owned by the veteran that would make his net worth greater than is usually the case in pension eligibility.

Since circumstances alter cases, what might seem to be an ample estate might still leave the veteran in need. Thus there is no hard and fast rule but each case will be considered separately on its own merits.

In each case the VA will consider the type of property owned by the veteran, the veteran's age, his life expectancy, his state of health, the number of persons dependent upon him, his income and similar pertinent facts.

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DISTRICT COMMANDER APPOINTS CHAIRMAN

Chas. P. Hall, Adjutant of Clatsop Post No. 12, The American Legion, has been named to head an American Legion committee for the War Veterans' Bonding and Loan Amendment, which will appear on the general election ballot November 8. Hall was appointed by Gail E. Steele, commander of Legion District No. 1-A.

Hall said the bonding and loan measure would make an additional \$102 millions available for veterans' farm and home loans, at no increase in taxes.

The veterans' loan program, popularly known as the State GI, is self-supporting, and has made some \$6½ millions profit for the state, Hall said. He said the measure would change state bonding limits from 4 per cent of assessed valuation to 3 per cent of true cash value on property in the state.

Bonds issued to raise veterans' loan funds are paid off by the veteran home purchasers themselves, Hall said. The state loan program was reduced this year to about 120 loans a month, as compared with 430 a month in 1959, because the state has reached constitutional limits and is short of loan funds.

Serving with Hall on the Legion's bonding and loan amendment committee will be veterans from other veterans' organizations throughout the county. Their names will be announced in the near future.



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BOXCAR BULLETIN

Leo "Happy" Ross, general chairman for the 39th annual grand promenade, grand voiture du Oregon, La Societe de Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, states that much is already in final planning stage for the big, noisy event. And in case you're impressed by Happy's title, but don't know exactly what it means, it designates that he is chairman of the state convention for the 8 and 40, July 5-6 in Seaside, prior to the American Legion state convention, and it also means a lot of work.

The program booms off with registration Tuesday, the 5th all day, and a grand cheminot promenade at 8 p.m. at the Seaside hotel. Wednesday at 8 a.m. a grand chefs' breakfast is the eye-opener; then the grand caucus with nominations at 9:30; followed by the visitation of the grande marche at the Elks club at 11. The grand promenade starts at 2 back at the Seaside, and at 6 p.m. the

grand parade, for which Armand Falleur is chairman. The prom ends up at a banquet, complete with entertainment, at the Seaside, but carries over to Thursday, when the 8 and 40 join the Legion and auxiliary in their annual memorial service at 9:30 a.m.

Clatsop post 547, 8 and 40, is the host chapter for the state promenade, and thus Happy's formidable title.

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Bugle Call And Drum Beat

Those who witnessed the Armed Forces Day parade saw the Mariners, junior drum and bugle corps, in action, smart as paint in their sea-faring outfits and French berets, topped with saucy red pompoms. (The pom-poms, by the way, were made by Ann Danielson, and they really add the right touch.)

Some pretty snappy routines are being practised in the evenings by the boys,

under the direction of Georg Bingham, and Lawrence Schmitz, out at Gyro field, where they have enough room to spread out, close ranks and cut corners sharp.

The corps will march in the convention parade in Seaside next month, July 30 in the Miss Oregon parade and August 28, in the Astoria Regatta parade.

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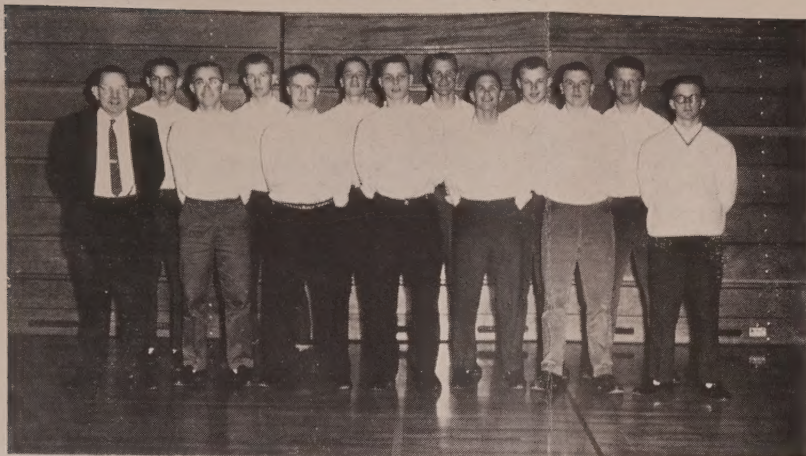
The Crazier the Hat, the Better



The crazy hat was the thing at a recent meeting of the auxiliary and these were among the doosies that were modelled by their originators. From left, Mrs. R. W. Coquette, wearing a fugitive from the roaring '20's; Mrs. Floyd Reith

Jr. perforated strainer topped by poppies; Mrs. T. J. Springgay with a musical flower pot; Mrs. Alice Sample in an inverted sewing basket; and Philippa Seabrook under a Chinese rice paddy hat.

Post 12 Sends 17 to Boys State



Twelve boys from Astoria high school and seven from Star of the Sea were chosen Beaver Boys State representatives, to attend the summer legislative session at Corvallis. Walter Lofgren, Clatsop post 12 Boys State chairman, is shown at the far left of the top photo with, from left, front row, Bill Canessa, Bruce Wesche, Jerry

Utli, Skip Hauke, Joey Leahy and Mike Josephson; back row, left, Jim Browning, Paul Solerman, Chris Stangland, George Oja, Gary Falleur and Rick Williams. Star of the Sea boys are from left, John Westley, Dave Roscoe, Dave Moore, Phillip Sullivan and Tony Fastabend.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

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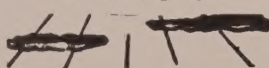
boys 17-0 in the second game, which might or might not mean the Astoria boys were a little jittery in their

opening game, but are a potentially potent team.

The league opener between Astoria and Tillamook will be played Sunday, June 12 at Tillamook, ac-

cording to Doug Clark and Bob Paschall, coaches.

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YOUR CLUB

The once dim hole that was the Amerigon room, now has a new look, due to the efforts of a bunch of the hard workers led by indefatigables Commander Armand and Smitty. Others swinging the brushes and rollers were John Oyan, Don Laughlin, Don Hoyer, Tom Clark, John Gustafson, Harold Moyer and club manager, Van Horn. The two tones of rose, complemented with off white, give it a more spacious brighter look and all the old stains are obliterated. The teenagers were happily surprised at their Saturday night dance, and the rooms will now be a better place for special meetings and events.

Speaking of special events, the May crab feed was a succulent success with a big turnout and everyone hard at it. One thing about a crab feed . . . you can be picky and quite chews-ey, but you can't be quiet.

The Happy hour every day (but Sunday) at five, when lights and prices are lower, is swarming them in, and the snack table, heaped with bite sized yum-yums is a popular gathering place where the cares of the day are forgotten in pleasant comradie and the affairs of the world are settled. (Shakespeare).

It is reported that during the recent good clam tides, some of the stalwart diggers got their bag limits without much trouble. But one of them came back more clammy than the others. Name will be furnished on request by club manager.

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DIRECT GI LOAN DEADLINE JULY 1

World War II veterans have until July 25, 1960, to submit applications for Federal GI home, farm or business loans under the present law. And Korea veterans as well as World War II, living in direct loan areas, such as Clatsop County, must have an actual commitment issued to them by the VA by July 25 in order to get direct loan funds.

Direct loans differ from the usual GI "guaranty" loan in that direct plans are made by the VA itself, in certain specified areas where funds from other sources are unavailable. Guaranteed GI loans are financed by the banks and private lenders, and are only insured by the VA.

Congress may, of course, extend the deadline for World War II veterans as it has in the past. It is estimated that one-third of eligible World War II veterans and one-eighth of Korean Conflict veterans have taken advantage of the loan benefit.

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Conditions Governing VA Dental Treatment

So many inquiries have been received lately that it is felt the following information may be of considerable interest to veterans.

When is a veteran entitled to dental treatment under the VA's outpatient program?

1. Those whose dental conditions or disabilities are service-connected and **COMPENSABLE** in degree, may apply at any time and receive as many treatments for these conditions or disabilities as are needed.

2. Those whose dental conditions or disabilities are service-connected but **NOT COMPENSABLE** in degree, and which existed at the time of discharge or release from the service, must apply within **ONE YEAR AFTER DISCHARGE OR RELEASE**. They may receive treatment only on a one-time completion basis.

3. Those whose service-connected **NONCOMPENSABLE** dental conditions or disabilities resulted from combat wounds or service injuries, may apply at any time and receive as many treatments as are needed.

4. Former prisoners-of-war with service-connected **NONCOMPENSABLE** dental conditions or disabilities, may apply at any time and receive as many treatments as are needed.

5. Those having non-service-connected dental conditions or disabilities which are found by the VA to be directly related to or aggravating a **SERVICE-CONNECTED** condition or disability, may apply at any time and receive as many dental treatments as are needed to alleviate the aggravation.

6. Spanish-American War veterans who need dental treatment may apply for and receive it as needed.

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POWDER ROOM PRATTLE

Members of the past presidents parley have been literally up to their little pink ears in flowers these spring days, but the artificial kind (flowers, that it). They made 28 crepe paper "roses" for the wheelchair parade of the hospitalized veterans in the vets' hospital, Portland, during the Rose Festival. And then used 300 Legion poppies to decorate the white crosses to be placed on veterans' graves Memorial day.

They will all meet for dinner at the new Sea Fare waterfront restaurant June 21, as a final wind-up of a year of activity and accomplishment.

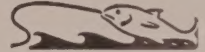
Just what the idea of the 8 and 40 girls in giving a backward party is still a mystery, but give one they did, and much merriment ensued. (Have you ever tried to wear a br... well, skip it.) The event honored state officers Mrs. Harold Larsen, president; Esther Frost, first vice; Margaret Paulbach, secretary; all of Portland; Phyllis Meyers, Beaverton, treasurer; and Melvina Steele, Clatskanie, chaplain. Mrs. Laurit Uhl, salon 23, and Mrs. John Vermeul, salon 17, presidents of their salons, were in charge, awarded prizes and kept things lively. Dr. Caryl Croissant was master of ceremonies, and taking part in a crazy skit were the Mesdames Armand Falleur, Walter Johnson, George Kelly, John Royce, John Morehouse, John Raniero and Uhl.

The auxiliary members enjoyed their visit with Mrs. Earl (Maxine) Bigelow, department vice-president, who drove all the way up from Medford to attend the meeting last week. A pretty little thing, but plenty of brains under that smart hair-do. Her address on the trials and tribulations of meeting membership quota was encouraging, and later, she had a cozy chat with Vi Gunderson, membership chairman who has done such a commendable job, and some of the others who gathered in the club lounge and got

to know Maxine better. A real friendly gal and lots of fun, even if she is dead-dart vice.

At elections, held Tuesday, May 23, the auxiliary cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers for 1960-61; Philippa Seabrook, president; Harriet Hall, first vice; Mabel Sagen, second vice; Beverly Oyan, secretary; Carol Edison, corresponding secretary; Laura Reith, treasurer; Borghild Langdon, historian; Joy Coates, chaplain; and Susan Orr, sergeant-at-arms. Elected to the executive board were Garda Falleur, Janyce Uhl and Violet Gunderson. Installations, when Alice Sample hands over the gavel, will be held in the fall.

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